

GREAT LAKES SMALL HARBORS COALITION

2016 SHALLOW DRAFT STAKEHOLDERS MEETING
MARCH 2, 2016

THANK YOU!

CORPS GL STAFF
&
SMALL HARBORS ADVOCATES

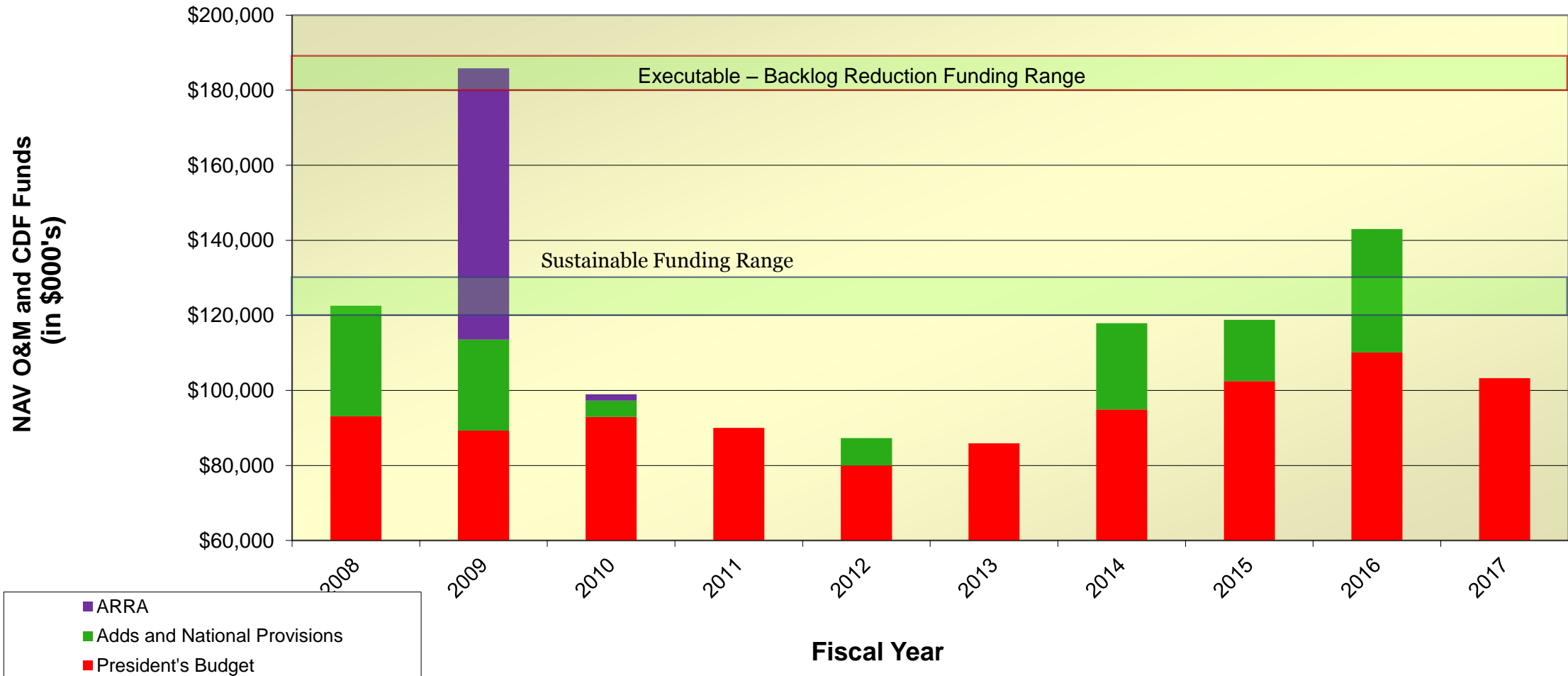
HMT HISTORY

- Before 1985 Funded from General Fund
- 1985 50% funded by new Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT)
- 1995 100% funded by tripling HMT
- 1998 Rec & low use commercial harbors no longer budgeted
- Since \$10 bil. of HMT “misappropriated!”

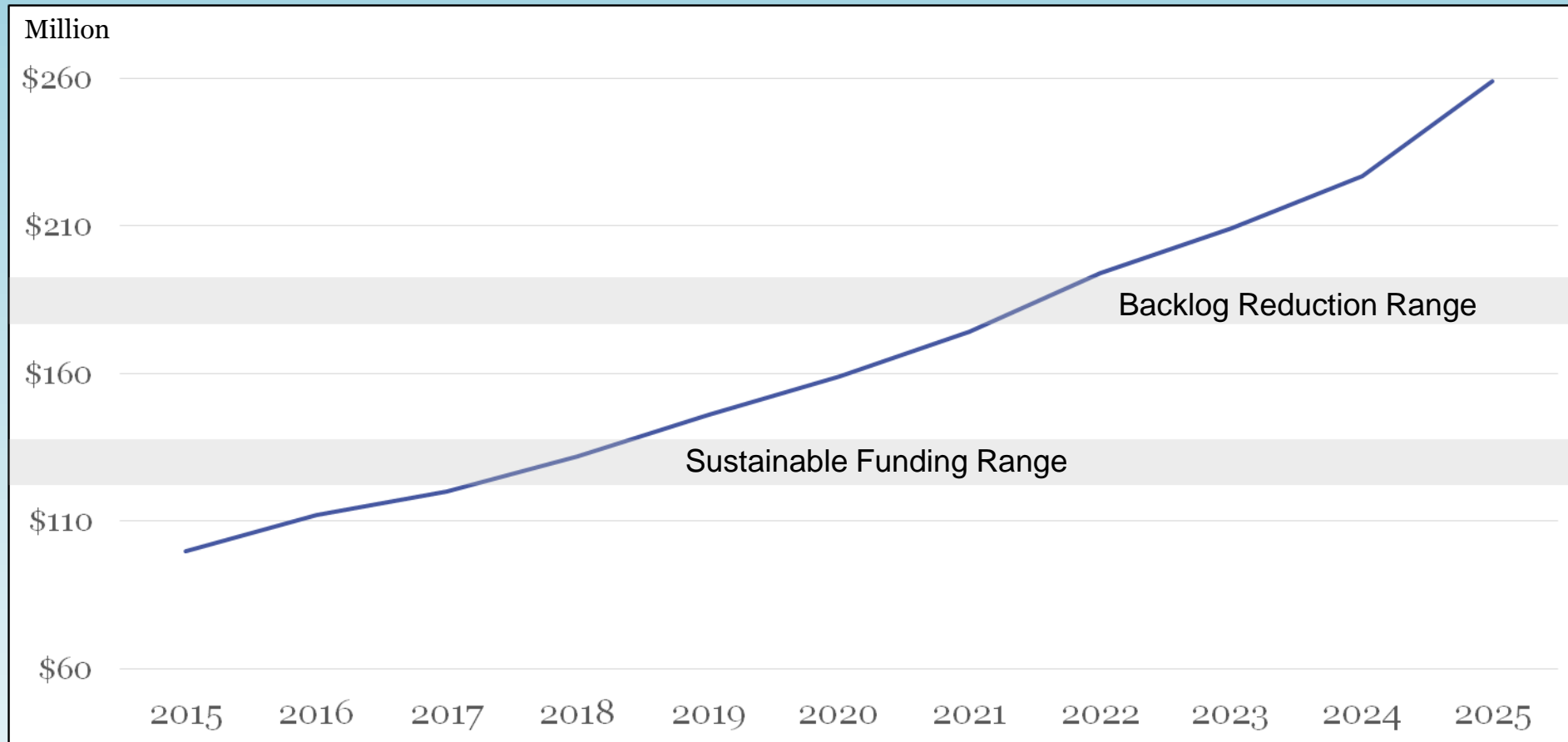
Massive Back log of dredging/infrastructure needs

Emergency Earmarks to keep harbors open!
- 2014 WRRDA passed increasing funding from HMT

GL Navigation Funding History



10 Year WRRDA Authorization For Great Lakes Ports/Harbors



Assumptions:

- Authorization grows from 67% to 100% HMT
- Annual HMT grows from \$1.5B in 2015 to \$2.6B in 2025 (CBO 3/15)
- 10% of annual increase in HMT goes to Great Lakes
- Ranges not adjusted for inflation

KEYS TO SURVIVAL

- Water levels and storms
- Appropriation equals WRRDA authorization
- Stop new maintenance authorizations (ports want \$25 mil. To \$50 mil. To ?)
- \$20 mil set aside for GL Small Harbors (GL legislative caucus resolution!)
- Harbor community leaders & citizens truly engaged
- State & Fed legislators informed and engaged

EACH OF YOU FIND ADVOCATES & GET THEM ENGAGED

- Take this issue very seriously
- Know & share the facts of your harbor condition/funding
- Ensure your community/county leaders & citizens know facts
- Build a local team of harbor advocates & communications
- Build a buzz & crowd noise!

KNOW/PROMOTE ADVOCATE SUPPORT & RELATIONSHIPS

- Army Corps know your harbor conditions & leaders?
- State Senator & Representative know your harbor?
- Your Community's relationship with Fed. Senator & Representative?
- Tribal, charter captains, sailors, schools informed & engaged?
- Build that local team of engaged advocates!
- Work together as a team with neighboring harbor communities!
- Work along side me/next chair!

I WILL WORK THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

- Communicate updates & encourage advocates at all 112 harbors
- Build agreement on more effective & lasting organization
- Possibly help build Regional Teams in each state
- Seek out an advocate to become GLSHC Chair
- Let me hear from you—volunteer!
- But, expect some emails & calls from me!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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